

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

L.C. GRAVES,

Defendant.

ORDER

07-cr-165-bbc

Defendant L.C. Graves, an inmate of the federal prison system, has filed a motion in his closed criminal case for the return of property under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(g), alleging that currency and jewelry were taken from him and only a portion of the cash and jewelry has been returned. Because defendant's criminal case is closed, he can proceed only by way of a civil equitable proceeding. United States v. Shaaban, 602 F.3d 877, 878-89 (7th Cir. 2010) ("We have held that, once a defendant has been convicted, a motion under Rule 41(g) is deemed to initiate a *civil* equitable proceeding") ((citing United States v. Howell, 354 F.3d 693, 695 (7th Cir. 2004))), for which defendant must pay a filing fee.

If defendant wishes to proceed on his motion, he will have to send the court a check for \$350. If he is unable to pay this amount, he must make an initial partial payment of the

\$350 filing fee, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b) and the 1996 Prison Litigation Reform Act.

To allow the court to calculate an initial partial payment, defendant will have to submit a trust fund account statement. Defendant's motion was filed on February 4, 2013. His trust fund account statement should cover the six-month period beginning approximately August 4, 2012 and ending approximately February 4, 2013. Once defendant has submitted the necessary statement, I will calculate his initial partial payment and advise him of the amount he will have to pay before the court can screen the merits of his complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Defendant should show a copy of this order to prison officials to insure that they are aware they should send a copy of defendant's six-month trust fund account statement to this court.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant L.C. Graves may have until March 4, 2013, in which to submit a certified copy of his trust fund account statement for the period beginning approximately August 4, 2012 and ending approximately February 4, 2013. If, by March 4, 2013, defendant fails to respond to this order, I will assume that he does not wish to pursue

his motion for the return of his property.

Entered this 8th day of February, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge